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DEVELOPMENT OF SURAT- HAZIRA RAILWAY LINE
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways propose to develop Surat-Hazira railway line;

(b) if so, the status of financial contribution among different stakeholders/companies for this project;

(c) whether the Railways contemplate to allocate more funds to RVNL;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether it is technically feasible to integrate this section as a part of dedicated freight corridor between Mumbai-Delhi as planned by the Ministry of Railways; and

(f) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): The following equity participation is proposed in this project and has been confirmed by the respective stakeholders:-

	Rs. in Crore
(i) Rail Vikas Nigam Limited	25
(ii) Gujarat Maritime Board	7
(iii) Hazira Port Private Limited	25
(iv) Essar Steel Limited	25

The basic objective of the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was to enable formation of a project specific Special Purpose Vehicle for implementation of the railway line project from Surat to Hazira Port.

(c) & (d): The necessary funds would be provided once the project is sanctioned.

(e) & (f): Surat-Hazira line can integrate with Dedicated Freight Corridor on Western Route at any of the nearest Junction points. Rail India Technical & Economic Services Limited (RITES) Preliminary-cum-Traffic Survey Report has identified Kosad/Gothangam as the possible Junction point to serve Hazira Complex.